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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
PROBE TIP CLEANING AND  
SHAPING PADDECLARATION AND POWER OF  
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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare:

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THAT I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed in an application on the invention entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROBE TIP CLEANING AND SHAPING PAD", the specification of which:☒ [ X ] is attached hereto.☐ [ ] was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_  
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